

Saint George

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Diplomacy is playing France and noticing that Germany's letters are post-marked from the same town as England's, although they live 600 miles apart....

My House rules guarantees that there will be builds for every country in 1901 (assuming they are entitled) even if they must be made by a temporary standby. However, sometimes, there are so many missing moves that a standby cannot be found for every country. If Mondays mail brings the missing moves, they will be written in by hand on the players copies and will be printed next issue. If not, then I am going to be calling around trying to find substitutes for those countries, and players will be informed by mail. I encourage all people who sign up for a game and later decide not to play to please resign instead of dropping out. It will only cost you one more stamp, and it will help me.

AND I still have 6 openings in the last game I will be opening for the near future. Anna Morailis is waiting for allies and opponents, so send in now.

I was happy to meet as many people from these games as I did at Origins. For those of you keeping score, I had a 16 center Turkey the first day and was wiped out as Russia the second. There something about telling two people the truth that I can't seem to get the hang of. It was a special pleasure to run into Dan Mathias and Jim Yerkey. We seem to be making that an annual event. And this time we talked Dan into signing up for a game. The Dwarf, which starts in this issue, received its final two players from the people I met at Origins, and so is named for the character I played in my first D & D adventure, Lard the Dwarf.

After the game is filled, I won't be maintaining a list for the next game so if you don't sign up for this one, your chance is gone. Also, this issue, I welcome the players of a game transferred from the pages of Tetracuspis.

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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

odds and ends

The big topic of discussion in the hobby today (other than the weather) seems to be the fact that Diplomacy World is no longer going to carry the "Need a Game" listing. Their ostensible reason seems to be, and it's not really clear just what the reason is, is they intend to emphasize the FTF aspects of play, on the theory that FTF play is what continually generates sales, and the postal hobby already has its sets and thus is no longer a source of revenue.

I seriously doubt whether there are people out there who are going to buy Diplomacy sets because they have read Diplomacy World. The other is more likely - that players will buy Diplomacy World because they have bought sets. But DW has, til now, provided the bulk of the contact between the FTF players who might want to get into postal play and the postal hobby. The editors of DW claim there is a vast number of players to whom diplomacy is a game to play a couple of times a year. That is the market they are aiming at.

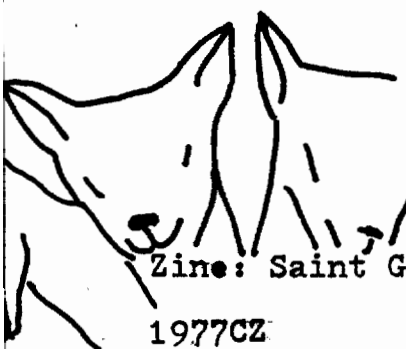
I question whether those people are going to want to continually buy a magazine that only deals with a game they only play occasionally. AND there will be no means in DW to get in touch with the postal hobby should the player be so inclined. I think DW's new policy is going to separate the two branches of the hobby even further, and unless we, the members of the postal hobby figure some way of reaching the new FTF players, I would say the postal hobby will eventually disappear. Unless the new players re-invent it for themselves.

A word to novices: I notice a lot of you (and a lot of experienced players who should know better) rely on the USPS to do a reasonably efficient job of delivering the mail. HAH ! While the USPS doesn't often lose a letter, it doesn't consider there is any hurry. It figures that if you were in a hurry you would have used the phone. So if it takes 4 or 5 days to deliver a letter to the next state, so what. How hard do you expect someone to work for only 16,000 dollars a year? My advice, and I strongly urge you to accept it, is to send in orders as soon as you receive the zine. You must have some idea of what you want to try to do. You can always change your moves later, after you have talked to your ally. It's easier to explain why you didn't change your moves than it is to explain why you didn't move at all.

Battlestar Galactica looks like it should be a good show. It's a pity ABC scheduled it opposite Mary Tyler Moore's show. Fortunately, I have RCA's video tape recorder, so I'll be able to watch both, but it is ominous for the ratings. I would suggest you watch Battlestar the first time without waiting for reruns. SF doesn't do well on TV under any circumstances, so there may not be a rerun, no matter how good the show is.

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Cerberus



A draw between Austria and Russia has been agreed to by all surviving players. According to House Rules, a draw Between Austria and Russia is declared as of Spring, 1907.

CERBERUS

Zine: Saint George and the Dragon

GM: Robert Sergeant

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	
A	3	5	6	8	9	8	8	Draw S'07
E	3	5	3	4	6*	6	5	
F	3	3	3	3	1	1	0	*=1 short
G	3	5	6	3	1	0	-	
I	3	4	5	6	6	7	6	
R	4	6	7	9	11	12	15	Draw S'07
T	3	4	3*	1	0	-	-	

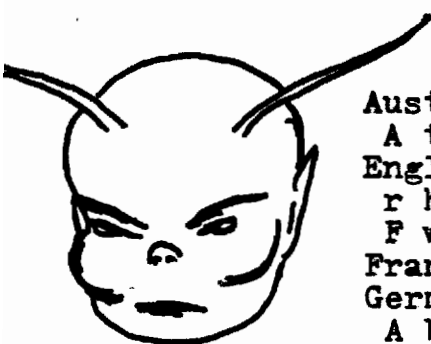
- Austria: Richard M. Kehrer (draw S'07)
- England: John L. Machir
- France: James Fiack(out F'06)
- Germany: Tom Johnston(res F'01), Curtis Gibson(out F'05)
- Italy: David J. Bunke
- Russia: John Michalski(draw S'07)
- Turkey: Mike McManus(out F'04)

Congratulations to the participants in the draw; condolences to the others. Commentary is welcome and will be printed next issue. Press is below((if anyone is still interested)).

Press:

England: Congratulations to Austria and Russia for a game well played especially Czar Michalski! You kept your head while all around you were losing theirs. I hope to be in another game with you soon.
 Reme to St.Petersburg--New come on, John, don't talk to me as if I were some nincompeep scheelbey who doesn't know his butt from a hole in the wall. You don't have to tell England and me that our west-wall defences are doomed; we knew that some time ago, long before you graciously offered England third place if he stabbed me. Do you take us for idiots? And what's more, don't come on like we(England and I) are the ones holding up your precious draw. I was the one who proposed the Austro-Russian draw in the first place, and I can assure you that both England and I voted for it. I also proposed the concession to Russia, and, once again, both England and I voted for it. Moreover, we full intend to vote in favor of the two-way draw again. If you think there has been some foul-up, look to your own house. Oh, and by the way, there aren't any more "Free" French or otherwise left on the board. Take another look.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ?



The Changeling

- Austria(Verheiden) A boh-GAL, A mun-SIL, A bul-RUM, A tri-SRB, A BUD S A bul-RUM, F gre-BUL(SC), A tyo-MUN
- England(Kendter, Jr.) A den S F kie(d, a), F kie S A den(d, r hel, otb), F nth-NWG, F lon-NTH, F ENG S F lon-NTH, F wal-LVP
- France(Kelly) A BRE H, F mao-NAT
- Germany(Nielsen) F BEL-nth, A par-BUR, A HOL S Russian A ber-KIE
- Italy(Smith) A ven-TRI, F nap-APU, F rom-NAP, F tyn-ION, A mar-GAS, F spa(sc)-POR
- Russia(Ditter) F stp(nc)-NWY, F swe-DEN, F BAL S F swe-DEN, A ber-KIE, A rum S Austrian F gre-BUL(SC)(d, r sev, ukr, otb), A ARM-ank, F BLA S A ARM-ank
- Turkey(McLendon) A CON S F ANK, F ANK H, F aeg-SMY

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. We are pleased all players chose to stay with this game. The English A den is annihilated. England must retreat from Kiel; Russia must retreat from Rumania. These retreats will be due with Fall orders which may be made conditional upon them. COA: Dave Ditter, 563 Maple Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. In Fall, 1903 the Eng move F nth-Hol was listed as succeeding. It did not.

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Changeling Press--1976IJ

Vienna: All in all, we would rather not find out about Russia's "ideas Concerning Austria in 1976 IJ".

England: Are you ready to ally against the Russian-Austrian alliance, or do we throw in the towel right now ?

Moscow: We accept the short end of the stick from no one. We wish to even up with England then - peace.

Reykjavik: We welcome all the players in The Changeling to these pages. We hope you have a nice stay. If you have any questions about the way I report the games, my schedule or any other relevant matter, please let me know. And press is always welcome.

1978??

The Vampire

Spring, 1901

NO SUDDEN MOVES

Austria(Lawniczak) F tri-ALB, A bud-SRB, A vie-BUD
England(Hayman) F edi-NWG, F lon-NTH, A lvp-YOR
France(McPherrren) A MAR H, F bre-MAO, A par-PIC
Germany(Bailes) F kie-HOL, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH
Italy(Smyth) A VEN H, A rom-APU, F nap-ION
Russia(Phipps) F stp(sc)-GOB, A mos-SEV, F sev-RUM,
A war-UKR
Turkey(McLendon) A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A smy-ANK



CAPS denote final resting place of unit. COA: until 8/25: Mitchell Bailes, 263 Congressional Lane #412, Rockville, MD 20852. After 8/25: 11925 Carlton Road, Cleveland, OH 44106.

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The Dwarf

Winter, 1900

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Germany: Oren Phipps, 2280 Dosinia Ct., Reston, VA 22091
Italy: Randy Swords, 1866 Coventry Road, Columbus, OH 43212
Russia: David Hooton, 87 Essex St., Melrose, MA 02176
Turkey: Andrew S. Tomcufcik, 48 Dearborn Drive, Old Tappan, NJ 07675



The Dwarf

DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1901 IS SEPTEMBER 9, 1978 12 NOON CDT

Vampire press--

Wien--24.04.1901 (UPI-- englischer Übersetzung)

The British ambassador, who was so warmly received only last month by the Archduke's third cousin Kristina, was reported by a reliable source to have been spreading doubts in diplomatic circles in this Austrian city about the good intentions of Franz Joseph's newest treaty partner. When pressed by the emperor's advisors as to the sources of his information, the ambassador is reported to have refused to reveal them, indicating only that they were "trustworthy".

There have been reports that the British ambassador has been known to frequent the Gasthaus am Neuberg, a locale frequented by Turkish Gastarbeiter.

Meanwhile, the Archduke is vacationing in Salzburg, where he has been trying without success to establish diplomatic contact with Kaiser Wilhelm. The Archduke had planned a conference in the historic city of Traunstein, where the Kaiser was scheduled to vacation, but the Kaiser's busy schedule did not permit him to leave his mansion in Brandenburg.

1976JW

The Phoenix

Winter, 1909

F: builds F BRE, A PAR; G: builds A MUN; I: A rom R NAP,
F ion R ADR Spring, 1910



The Phoenix

France(Machir) F bar-STP(NC), A stp-LVN, A MAR H,
A PIE S German A ven, F ion-NAP, F TYN S F ion-NAP,
F tun-ION, F wes-TUN, F bre-MAO, A par-PIC
Germany(Bunke) F NWY S French F var-STP(NC), F BAL S
French A stp-LVN, F PRU S French A stp-LVN, A SIL-war,
A BOH-gal, A MUN-boh, A TYO S A ven, A ven S A ROM(d, r
tus, otb), A ROM S French F ion-NAP
Italy(Reges) F con-AEG, F smy-EAS, A GRE H, A VIE-tyo,
A RUM-gal, A SRB S A TRI, A nap-rom(d, r apu, otb)
F ADR S F apu-VEN, A TRI S F apu-VEN, F apu-VEN
Russia(Gibson) A WAR-gal, A lvn-war(d, a), A MOS S A lvn-war
Turkey(CD) F BLA H, F ANK H

Underlined orders cannot be carried out; CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Italy must retreat from Naples, Germany must retreat from Venice, the Russian A livonia is annihilated. These retreats will be due with Fall orders which may be made conditional upon them. The draw was defeated as was the concession to Russia. COA: Craig A, Reges, 1501 Higgins Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455 ef 8/26

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1910 IS SEPTEMBER 9, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1976JW Press--

Germany to Unoccupied Italy-- Well, Craig, fancy meeting you here!!
Trieste: Flash! Italians all become Austrians! Never before seen occurrence. So who do they pay taxes to ? Curse you, Mann!!
Aachen--It's too bad Cliff didn't hang around long enough to see a proper Holy Roman Empire come into existence--one not based in Rome.
The Mossy Cowbell: We must sincerely admire the Berlinite's reluctance to let the Iron Cross replace their lieber Intellectual Meritocracy.
Just like the Berlin hold-out against besieging tyranny between WWII & WWIV in that miserable world we escaped from.

We hear the Baltic people have finished burying that pitiful French Army and are praying for peace lest they have to bury another.

1976R Wrapup

Commentary from Vienna:

I feel I was fortunate to survive after initially allying with Russia and then watching him slowly go down the drain. Originally an enemy and later my game-long ally, Italy outplayed me tactically so long that I had to give up and join forces with him. I've never been quite as irritated with myself as when I read the issue of Saint George showing that the Italian army I had "trapped" on the peninsula was, in fact, convoyed to Austrian territory. Finally, I'd like to thank Don Rittel, after I phoned him and talked for half an hour long distance, for dropping out of the game when he swore that of all the Diplomacy games he was quitting this was the game he'd stick with to the end. Happy sports gaming, Don. If Ron Kelly would like another shot at me, I'm currently only playing in Craig Reges' Zine Against The Odds. ((see page 7 for Craig's address. He has openings, especially for novices.))

No other commentary was forthcoming. A pity, we would like a different view occasionally.

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